Percy Thomas
Neo-Georgian architect

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Preface

I first came across the work of Sir Percy Thomas in 1980 when I began work as an Assistant Librarian at UWIST (The University of Wales Institute of Science and Technology). The Library in which I worked was on the first floor of what had been the Cardiff Institute of Technology and, to my eyes, it was a magnificent building. Faced in Portland stone, with ornamentation derived from Classical Greece, it was entered through Teak doors. One then proceeded through entrance screens and doors in Austrian Oak before mounting a staircase with black metal balustrades, ornamented with golden lions heads before entering the Library through more oak doors. The suite of rooms the Library occupied was so nobly proportioned that we had been able to insert mezzanines throughout, greatly increasing the space available to us. The building was one of a number of classical buildings ranged along King Edward VII Avenue and making a visual statement in the Cardiff Civic Centre. I was to discover that most of these were by the same architect.

I also discovered that 1983 would be the centenary of Sir Percy's birth, and wanting to make a mark in my profession I offered to curate an exhibition to commemorate his work. This duly took place between 17th and 31st October 1983. In preparing the exhibition I discovered that, excluding a brief autobiography, nothing had been written about Sir Percy's career and work. Furthermore, recent flooding had destroyed the majority of his working drawings. In order to gain some perspective on his achievements beyond Cardiff Technical College, which had been his first major commission and was the focus of the exhibition, I turned to the contemporary architectural press. As a librarian it was natural that my next act was to prepare the first edition of this bibliography which was published by UWIST Library in 1984.

In 1984 I was able to include everything written by, or about Sir Percy Thomas in the architectural press, and all the published accounts of his individual designs. As my interest was in the man and his work, I made a conscious decision to exclude the work of the practice which he built up after the Second World War. The bibliography purported to include all his designs from 1910 to 1945 but was, of course, restricted to those designs or finished buildings which had attracted the attention of the national professional press. In general these were his public buildings. In one sense this may not matter: Sir Percy Thomas built his reputation on, and expressed pride in, his public buildings, and this was a driver in the continued growth and success of his practice. In order to give a more accurate impression of his work, however, I listed all the buildings mentioned in Thomas's autobiography or wider works on the architecture of Wales even if no designs were published. I was aware, in particular, that domestic architecture was probably under-represented.

The purpose of the exhibition and bibliography was to raise awareness of Sir Percy Thomas as an architect, and to encourage further study. Making users aware of sources is what librarians do. For thirty years, however, I found no evidence that further study did occur. I have kept a watching brief and recently discovered that Elaine Davey had written a doctoral thesis on the work of Sir Percy Thomas, followed by an article in the

North American Journal of Welsh Studies. This work sets Thomas in his context, but concentrates on the considerable achievements of the practice he founded, rather than the man himself. At the beginning of their article Elaine Davey and Huw Thomas pose the question

> 'Which Welsh architect was awarded the gold medal of the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA), knighted, described on his retirement as "the chief creator of modern Wales" and yet has not been the subject of any monographs or extended studies of his work?'[1]

It should be noted that 56% of Percy Thomas' executed designs have now been regarded as worthy of listing. Of the buildings in Wales the proportion rises to 59%, emphasizing Davey and Thomas's point. How many other architects of Thomas' vintage have had their work recognized in this way?

In 2018 Dr. Robert Proctor of Bath University commenced working on an architectural and social historical biography of the important British (and especially Welsh) practice of Sir Percy Thomas from its inception in 1912 until the beginning of the twenty-first century. Thomas may finally receive recognition.

[1] Davey, Elaine and Huw Thomas ' "Chief creator of modern Wales": the neglected legacy of Percy Thomas'. North American Journal of Welsh Studies 9 (2014) : 54 welshstudiesjournal.org/article/download/51/43

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In 1984 I also expressed my gratitude to the Library Secretary, Janet Dixon, who typed the original work. Isabel Puscas, Librarian of the Percy Thomas Partnership was as helpful as she could be considering the recent flooding of their basement, and I received professional guidance from Sylvia Harris, Librarian of the Welsh School of Architecture. A number of my colleagues in the Library were particularly helpful when it came to the production of the exhibition, but especially Helen Wright who provided unfailing support in many ways. Janet and Helen passed away far too young, and this work has been, at least in part, carried out in their memory.

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Sir Percy Thomas 1883-1969

Percy Edward Thomas was born in South Shields on 13th September 1883, the son of Christmas Thomas, a sea captain. The family settled in Cardiff in 1893, and Thomas attended Hasland House School until 1897, and then the Higher Grade School in Howard Gardens. Leaving school in 1898 he was briefly an office boy in a shipping firm before becoming articled to the Cardiff architect E.H. Bruton F.R.I.B.A. He remained with Bruton until the end of 1903.

Thomas was a firm believer in the competition system in architecture. His first success, first prize in the National Eisteddfod competition of 1903 for a semi-detached villa (cost not exceeding £750), encouraged him as he made steady progress in his profession. He was successively Assistant in the office of J.C. Prestwich, of Leigh in Lancashire (1904-1905), and Chief Assistant to R.A. Brinkworth, of Bath (1905-07), J.C. Prestwich (1907-1910) and Henthorne Scott, of Manchester (1910-12). When he filled his census return on 2nd April 1911 he wrote under occupation " Architect's assistant, chiefly designing cotton spinning mills". [2]This may have been an ironic reflection. In 1909 Percy Thomas and Ivor Jones won the competitions to design Merthyr Y.M.C.A. and the new Cardiff Technical College, and on the strength of these successes set up business as a partnership in Cardiff.

The partnership was very successful, becoming the largest in Wales, and among the largest in Britain. Until 1936 Thomas was in partnership with Ivor Jones. In the 1930's Ernest Prestwich (son of his first employer) was Thomas' partner, and then Norman Thomas, Percy's son became the second partner. After the Second World War the partnership expanded greatly.

Thomas served with the Royal Engineers during the First World War, being awarded an O.B.E. at the end of the conflict. On his return to civilian life he had a meteoric rise to fame in his profession. Elected A.R.I.B.A. In 1920, he became a Fellow in 1922, was President of the South Wales Institute of Architects from 1922 to 1925, Vice-President of the Royal Institute of British Architects in 1927-28, and became the youngest, and first provincial or Welsh President in 1935. His ability was such that he was asked to serve twice as President, holding the post from 1943 to 1946 in addition to 1935-37. He was knighted for this work in 1946.

His architectural achievements were recognized with awards of RIBA Bronze Medals in 1930, 1935, 1936 and 1938, and with the award of Royal Gold Medal for Architecture in 1939.

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[2] "England and Wales Census, 1911," database, *FamilySearch* (https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:XWBK-4YY : 2 August 2017), Percy Edward Thomas, South Manchester, Manchester, Lancashire, England; from "1911 England and Wales census," database and images, *findmypast* (http://www.findmypast.com : n.d.); citing PRO RG 14, The National Archives of the UK, Kew, Surrey.

From the beginning of the Second World War, Thomas also held a series of posts in public administration. From 1940 to 1942 he was Regional Controller for Wales, Ministry of Supply. He continued until 1946 as Regional Controller for Wales, Ministry of Production. Chairman of the Welsh Regional Board from 1942 to 1946, he remained in post as Chairman of the Welsh Board of Industry until 1955. At a more local level he was a J.P. from 1943, Deputy Lieutenant of Glamorgan from 1946, and High Sheriff of the county in 1949-1950.

Thomas retired from practice in 1962, and died at his home in Cardiff on 17th August 1969.

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Competition entry. Placed 2nd

1909-11 MERTHYR Y.M.C.A. Pontmorlais Road, Merthyr Tydfil

Competition winning design.
Listed Grade II, 1975

"Merthyr YMCA new building" *South Wales Daily News* 3 March 1909 p. 6

Building News and Engineering Journal 96 (1909): 892

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Accessed March 4, 2019. http://www.alangeorge.co.uk/ymca_building.htm

1921 EDWARD NICHOLL HOME Penylan, Cardiff

"The Edward Nicholl Home for Babies. Ivor Jones and Percy Thomas" *The Builder* 120 (1921): 797-798

"Opening of the Edward Nicholl Home, Penylan" *Western Mail*, 30 Nov 1922, p10.

2. Educational

1911-1936 CARDIFF TECHNICAL COLLEGE, King Edward VII Avenue, Cardiff

Competition winning design:
Listed Grade II, 1966

Architects' and Builders' Journal 35 (1911): 635, 641

"Cardiff Technical Institute competition" *The Builder* 101 (1911): 737-741

"City of Cardiff Technical Institute" *The Builder* 105 (1913): plate 346/347

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"Scientific and Technical Buildings XV" *Architects' and Builders' Journal* 44 (1135) (4 October 1916): plate

"Scientific and Technical Buildings XVI" *Architects' and Builders' Journal* 44 (1137) (18 October 1916): plate

"Scientific and Technical Buildings XVII" *Architects' and Builders' Journal* 44 (1138) (25 October 1916): plate

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Architects' and Builders' Journal 46 (1917): Supplement 4-7

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1935 BOLTON TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Competition entry. Placed 2nd

"Competition for Municipal Technical College, Bolton: Second premiated design by Mr. Percy Thomas in association with Mr. Ernest Prestwich" *The Builder* 149 (1935): 1065-1068

1935-1960 UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF WALES, ABERYSTWYTH, Penglais Campus

The Builder 156 (1939): 902

The Architect and Building News 178 (1944): 86

"RA Exhibition: General Architectural Exhibits" [Drawing of New University, Aberystwyth] *The Architects' Journal* 99 (1944): 372

The Builder 166 (1944): 419

Official Architect 7 (1944): 210

Building 19 (1944): 121

Architecture Illustrated 23 (1944): 85

1937 Welsh Plant Breeding Station (now Cledwyn Building)
Listed Grade II, 2017

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1939 Swimming Pool

"New Swimming Bath, University College of Wales: Aberystwyth. Architect: Percy Thomas" *The Architect and Building News* 175 (1943): 183-186

1939 Pantycelyn
Listed Grade II, 2008

Lloyd, Thomas, Julian Orbach and Robert Scourfield. *Buildings of Wales: Carmarthenshire and Ceredigion* London: Yale University Press, 2006. 418, 423

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1946 Plas Penglais (Remodelling)
Listed Grade II, 1961

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1938 SHEEPWELL HOUSE, QUEENSWOOD SCHOOL, Hatfield (rebuilding)

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Architectural Design and Construction 8 (1938): 34

1939-1942 UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF NORTH WALES, BANGOR

Clarke, M.L. *Architectural history and guide*. Bangor: University College of North Wales, Bangor, 1966
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1939 Sports Pavilion and playing Fields, Treberth

1942 Men's Hall of Residence (Neuadd Reichel)

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3. Public Buildings

1912 CARDIFF FIRE STATION Westgate Street, Cardiff

Competition entry. Placed 2nd

"Cardiff Fire Station competition" *Building News and Engineering Journal* 104 (1913): 113

1912 TRIUMPHAL ARCH, Cardiff

For King George V and Queen Mary's visit to lay the foundations of the National Museum of Wales

1915 BOARD OF TRADE, London

Competition entry.

"Board of Trade Offices. Final completion. Design, by Messrs. Percy Thomas, Ernest Prestwich and Ivor Jones" *The Builder* 108 (1915): Plate between 156/157

"Board of Trade Offices. Final completion. Design, by Messrs. Percy Thomas, Ernest Prestwich and Ivor Jones" *Building News and Engineering Journal* 108 (1915): 269, 271, 279

1924 BRISTOL POLICE AND FIRE STATIONS, Bridewell Street, Bristol

Competition winning design:
Listed Grade II, 1981

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1925 NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE POLICE AND FIRE STATIONS

Competition winning design: not executed

The Builder 129 (1925): 2 Plates between 880/881

"The Newcastle-upon-Tyne Fire and Police Station competition: a critique of the designs" *The Architects Journal* 62 (1925): 922-927

1926 MASONIC PEACE MEMORIAL Great Queen Street, London

Competition entry.

The Architects Journal 63 (1926): Supplement 7-8

1930 SWANSEA GUILDHALL

Competition winning design.
RIBA Bronze medal
Listed Grade I, 1994

The Builder 138 (21 February 1930): 384

The Builder 138 (28 February 1930): 429-430, 435-437 plate between 430/31

The Architects Journal 71 (1930): 360-363

The Architect and Building News 123 (1930): 285-292, 473

The Builder 144 (1933): 916, 918, 926-927 plate between 916/17

The Builder 145 (1933): 2, 187-192

The Architect and Building News 138 (1934): 160

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The Builder 147 (19 October 1934): 654, 667-672, 675

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1930 ACCRINGTON POLICE COURTS AND FIRE STATION, Manchester Road, Accrington

Competition winning design.
Listed Grade II 1984

The Architects Journal 71 (1930): 862-863

The Architect and Building News 123 (1930): 719-723

The Builder 138 (1930): 1080, 1084-1088

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1932 R.I.B.A. HEADQUARTERS, Portland Place, London

Competition entry. Placed 3rd

"Royal Institute of British Architects Headquarters." *The Architects Journal* 75 (1932): 604-605, 609

"Royal Institute of British Architects Headquarters." *The Builder* 142 (1932): Supplement XIV-XV

"Royal Institute of British Architects Headquarters. Third premiated design, by Mr. Percy Thomas and Mr. Frank Prestwich" *Journal of the Royal Institute of British Architects* 39 (1932): 576-577

1932 GLAMORGAN COUNTY HALL, King Edward VII Avenue, Cardiff
Extension: North Road Wing
Listed Grade I, 1966

Newman, John. *Buildings of Wales: Glamorgan* Harmondsworth: Penguin, 1995 230-231

Coflein. “Glamorgan County Hall extension.” Accessed March 27, 2018. http://www.coflein.gov.uk/en/site/420879/details/glamorgan-county-hall-extension

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Competition entry.

The Builder 145 (1933): 611

1934 CIVIC CENTRE, TUNBRIDGE WELLS

Competition winning design.
Listed Grade II, 1995

The Architects' Journal 80 (1934): 731-736

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1939 Police Station and Courts

Historic England. "List entry 1227046 Police Station and Courts." Accessed March 27, 2018.https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/list-entry/1227046

1941 Town Hall

Historic England. "List entry 1265550 Town Hall." Accessed March 27, 2018. https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/list-entry/1265550

1952 Library and Museum

Historic England. "List entry 1227044 Library and Museum." Accessed March 27, 2018. https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/list-entry/1227044

1934 MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, SWINTON AND PENDLEBURY

Competition winning design.

The Builder 147 (14 September 1934): Supplement i-iv

The Architects' Journal 80 (1934): 421-422

The Architect and Building News 139 (1934): 346

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The Builder 155 (1938): 1206-1210

The Architect and Building News 156 (1938): 356-360

"Swinton & Pendlebury Municipal Offices. Designed by Percy Thomas and Ernest Prestwich." *Building* 14 (1939): 5-9

"Municipal Buildings, Swinton and Pendlebury. Designed by Percy E. Thomas and Ernest Prestwich." *The Architects' Journal* 88 (1939): 526-529

1935 MUNICIPAL OFFICES, BIRMINGHAM

Competition entry. Placed 2nd

The Architect and Building News 143 (1935): 78

The Builder 149 (1935): 99, 110-112

1936 MUNICIPAL OFFICES, ABERDEEN
Design not executed

The Architect and Building News (1936): 326

1936-1956 CARMARTHENSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL OFFICES, Carmarthen

Listed Grade II, 2003

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